

St Francis Newsletter

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant - Eleanor Roosevelt



Calendar

TERM 4

5 - 8 December

- Swimming Week

6 December

- Transition Day

7 December

- Grade 6 Dinner

14 December

- End of Year Mass

15 December

- Student's Last Day

16 December

- Staff Planning Day

Dear Families,

It is an exciting time of the year, both in the school and catholic communities. Sunday marked the beginning of Advent in the Catholic Church, the time dedicated to preparing for Christmas. Advent 2022 is celebrated from Sunday, November 27th, and ends on Saturday, December 24.

The word "Advent" is derived from the Latin word *adventus*, meaning "coming," which is a translation of the Greek word *parousia*. Scholars believe that during the 4th and 5th centuries in Spain and Gaul, Advent was a season of preparation for the baptism of new Christians at the January feast of Epiphany, the celebration of God's incarnation represented by the visit of the Magi to the baby Jesus (Matthew 2:1), his baptism in the Jordan River by John the Baptist (John 1:29), and his first miracle at Cana (John 2:1).

Today, the season of Advent lasts for four Sundays leading up to Christmas. At that time, the new Christian year begins with the twelve-day celebration of Christmastide, which lasts from Christmas Eve until Epiphany on January 6. Advent begins on Sunday that falls between November 27th and December 3rd each year) Source: christianity.com

TRANSITION

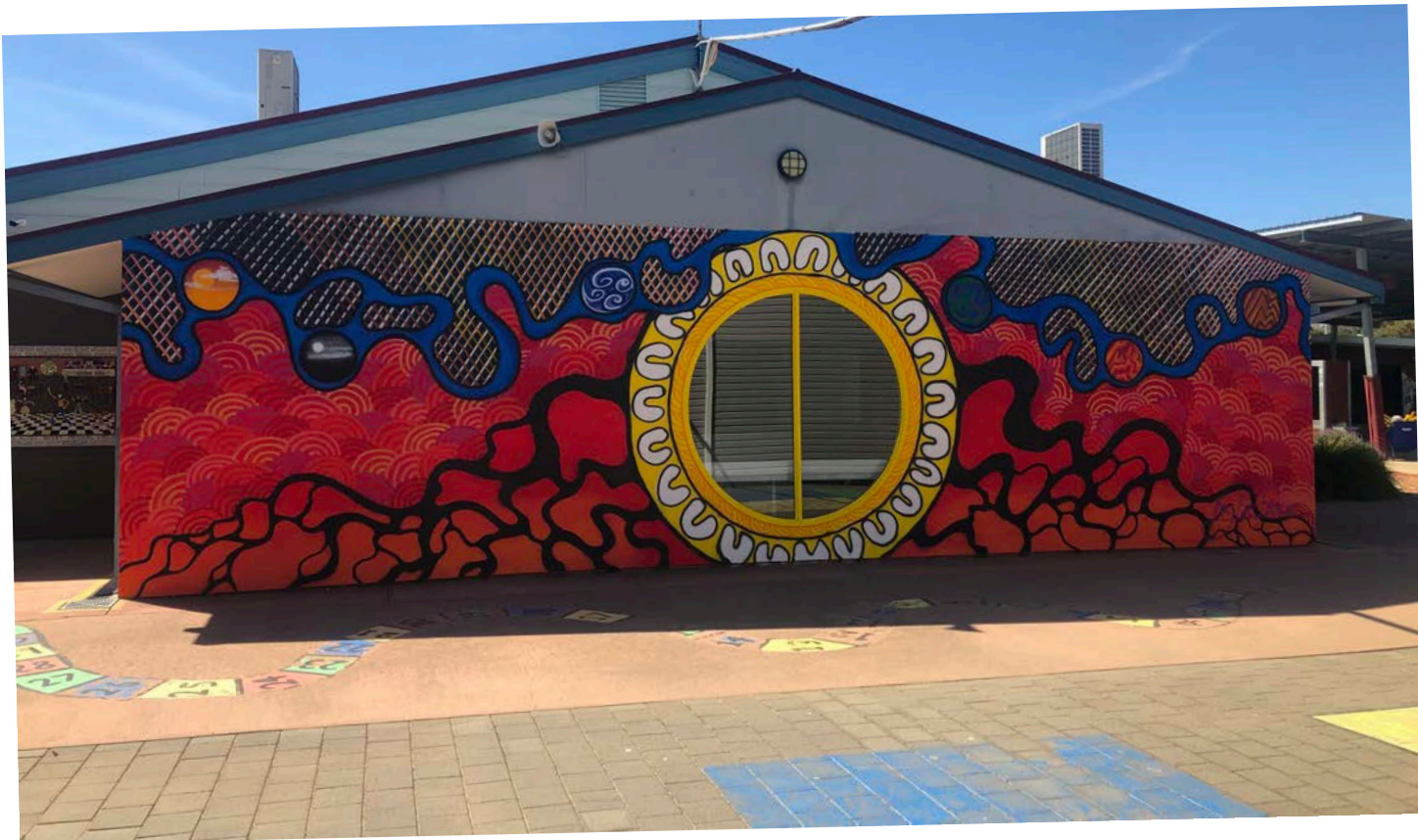
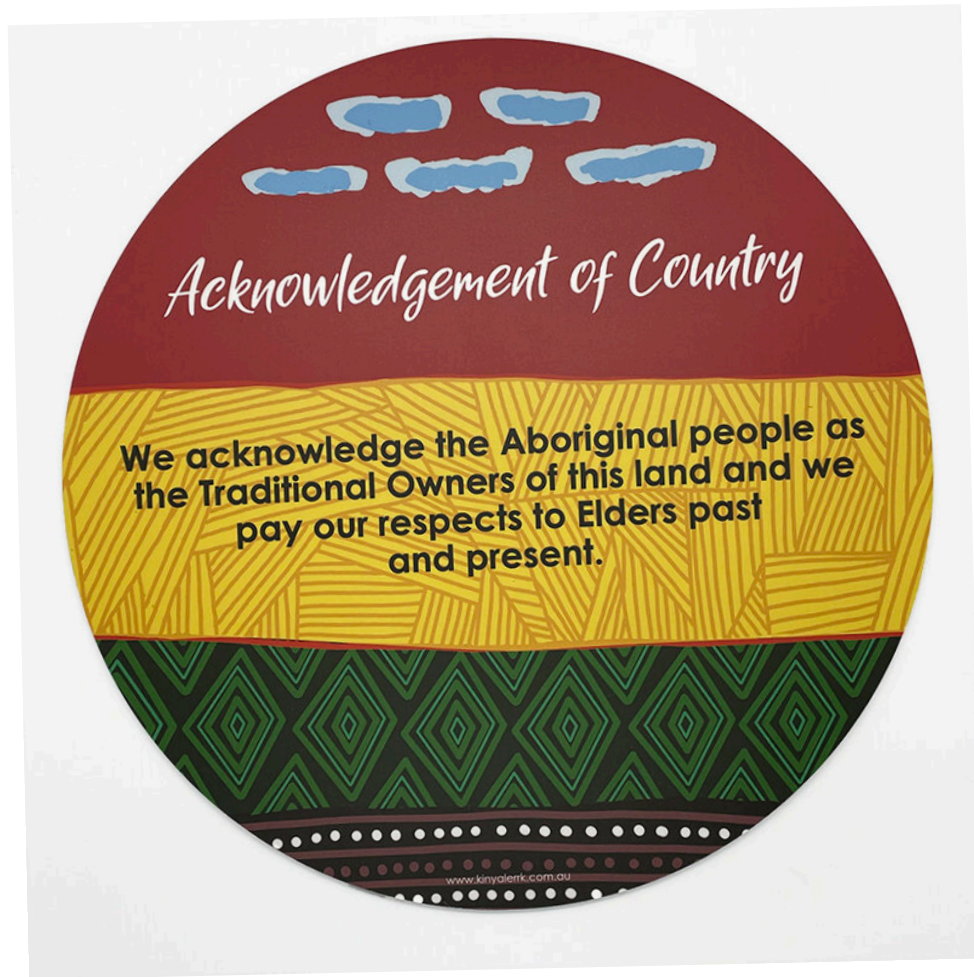
Next week we will be having Transition morning 9 - 11am on Tuesday 6th December when the children will have an opportunity to spend two hours in their classroom groupings for 2023 with their new teachers. We will also welcome next year's Foundation children. We look forward to a great day for all.

The Grade 6's Transition day is on Tuesday 13th December.



Child Safe

St Francis, Nathalia is a child safe school. We promote the safety, wellbeing and inclusion of all children.



Prayer



SCHOOL DATES

Jump Start Dates:

- Thursday 1st December (9 - 11am)

Transition Day (2023 Foundation to Grade 6):

- Tuesday 6 December (St Francis 9 - 11am)

Transition Day (2023 Year 7s):

- Tuesday 13th December

END OF YEAR DETAILS

Term 4

Wed 14th Dec End of Year Mass

Thurs 15th Dec Students' last day

Friday 16th Dec Staff Planning Day

End of Year Mass

We will farewell our current Grade 6 students at the end of year mass and acknowledge our 2023 school leaders. We will also have an opportunity to farewell leaving staff - this will be held at St Mary's Church.

Term 4 Finish: Thur 15th Dec @ 3:20pm

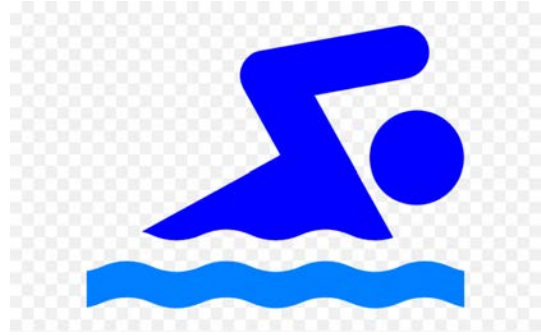
2023 CLASSES

Our 2023 class structure will be as follows:

- Foundation / Grade 1
- Grade 1/2
- Grade 2/3
- Grade 4/5
- Grade 6

The structures and staffing is discussed at length and class compositions are inclusive of student needs, school needs and supports we can put in place.

SWIMMING



Our school swimming program takes place next week. The sessions will run each day from Monday through to Thursday at the Nathalia Swimming Pool. Our program has a strong emphasis on water safety and remains just a small part of swimming lessons for all children.

Students will need to bring their swimming clothes, a rashie or t-shirt to swim in and additional food on swimming days as they may be hungrier than normal.

They will also need dry change of underwear and a plastic bag for wet clothing. Students will be wearing their hat and sunscreen to and from the pool.

GRANDPARENT'S DAY

Today we celebrated (belatedly) our Grandparent's Day with a mass and morning tea. It was fantastic to open our school, welcome in these important people in our student's life and enjoy a morning together to thank them for their love and support they provide to our school families.



School Survey: Newsletter

I will be asking families to respond to a survey about the school newsletter via PAM - check your email for details.

Term 4 was our term to shine!

This term the children of Foundation/1 have challenged themselves and shown that if they put their minds to it, they can achieve anything. We have been learning about our place in the world and where we are in the state of Victoria. We loved watching clips about what makes Victoria special (the little penguins at Phillip Island were a hit to watch).

This term we had some special visitors come to our school.

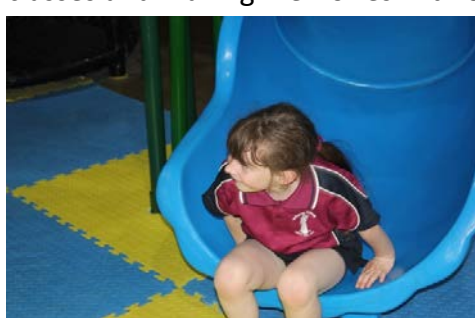
We had Ditto come and teach us how to be safe and say 'Stop, No!' if we feel uncomfortable.



We also had a visit from the Melbourne Museum who showed us all the cool things that can be found at their big museum. We loved investigating all the parts of the triceratops including the skull and more importantly the fossilised poo. We loved measuring ourselves against the only known dinosaur found in Australia.



To finish off the term we had a fun excursion to Rebound in Shepparton, we had so much fun interacting with the others in the junior classes and making memories with our peers.



We all look forward to making more memories next year. We are ready to shine!!!!

AWARD WINNERS



- F/1 Camden For being courageous in the way you tackle your work. You are trying so hard to improve your reading, well done!
- Lachie For being an eager learner during our dinosaur fossil incursion. You asked such great questions!
- 1/2 William For working hard during learning time to complete all set tasks. Well done William
- Ava For her positive attitude towards her learning and willingness to always help others.
- 2/3 Millie Great work and positive attitude in class.
- 4/5 Curtis & Pippa Both for always being organised and ready to begin and complete tasks and projects in class. For always being ready to learn.
- 5/6 Dylan For being an eager learner and completing tasks to a high standard.
- PE & Health Emily For her great teamwork with her peers and always encouraging others. Well done Emily.



Principal's Award

Jetter, for your fantastic attitude to learning and polite way you interact with others. Congratulations.



Aussie of the Month

Lachie, for being a great friend and member of our school community. Well Done!

Pastoral Wellbeing

Positive Behaviours Intervention and Support (P.B.i.S)



PBiS Expectations: At St Francis we are SAFE, RESPONSIBLE & CARING learners.

Congratulations to our Gotcha winners!

Attendance Matters Every Day Counts



Attendance Matters

Attending the Early Years = Greater chance of success

- establishes positive habits
- builds positive relationships
- maximises opportunities to learn
- supports problem solving skills

Community News



UBC
SANTA PHOTO'S
\$10 FOR 10 MINS WITH SANTA
TAKE YOUR OWN PHOTO

YOUR \$10 GOES TO NATHALIA UNCLE BOBS CLUB
LOCAL GIVING FOR LOCAL HEALTH PROJECTS
HELD AT 32 BLAKE ST (NEXT TO ROSS SMITHS
SHOP)

FRI DEC 9TH 3:30PM- 5:30PM
SAT DEC 10TH 9AM-1PM
NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED
PETS WELCOME

